

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA****CLERK'S OFFICE****NOTICE OF FILING****DOCKET NO. 2019-291-S****Joint Application for Approval of the Sale of Assets and Transfer of Facilities and Service Territory from Moore Sewer, Inc. to Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District**

Moore Sewer, Inc. ("Moore Sewer") and the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District ("SSSD") have applied for Approval of Moore Sewer's sale of assets and transfer of facilities and service territory to SSSD, a Special Purpose District established by the State of South Carolina. The proposed transfer pertains to sewer collection systems that serve customers in the Linville Hills and Madera Village subdivisions in Spartanburg County. Moore Sewer desires to sell to SSSD the assets described in the Application, including but not limited to all easements and all rights and privileges contained therein and operating authority attendant to the affected areas described in the Application. The Application was filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 and 103-704 and other applicable rules and regulations.

Moore Sewer states the transaction is necessary and in the public interest because it is a small closely held corporation with limited access to capital and its system requires significant upgrades. SSSD is able and willing to make the necessary upgrades to the system and ensure continued adequate service to Moore Sewer's customers.

According to the Application, Moore Sewer charges its customers in Linville Hills a Base Facilities Charge of \$27.93 per month and their pro-rata share of SSSD's charges for sewerage treatment. Moore Sewer divides SSSD's monthly bill for treatment services equally among its customers in Linville Hills and charges them without mark-up. SSSD bills Moore Sewer \$22.33 per month plus \$0.675 per 100 gal. for sewerage treatment. SSSD's volume rate of \$0.675 is composed of a \$0.483 treatment charge plus a \$0.192 collection charge and has been in effect for Moore Sewer since January of 2019. Moore Sewer has not passed through the \$0.192 collection charge to its customers but has charged the previous rate of \$0.483 per 100 gal. If this Application is not approved, Moore Sewer states it will have to pass-through the full SSSD volume rate of \$0.675 per 100 gal. treated. Moore Sewer bills its customers in Madera Village the monthly base charge of \$27.93. Madera Village customers are billed directly by SSSD for sewer treatment charges at the base rate of \$5.70 per month and \$0.675 per 100 gal. of their individual water usage with Spartanburg Water.

If this Application is approved, SSSD will charge all of Moore Sewer's customers a \$5.70 base charge and \$0.675 per 100 gal. based on their individual monthly water consumption. SSSD will also charge a monthly capital recoupment charge of \$24.00 per customer account until it is able to recoup its capital costs in acquiring and rehabilitating this system. Once such costs are recouped (SSSD estimated approximately 24 months) SSSD will remove this charge and bill customers only its base and volume sewer charges thereafter.

**If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.**

A copy of the company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2019-291-S. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the office of Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire, Terreni Law Firm, LLC, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 or the office of Richard L. Whitt, Esquire, Whitt Law Firm, LLC, 401 Western Lane, Suite E, Irmo, South Carolina 29063.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **October 16, 2019**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2019-291-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **October 16, 2019**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2019-291-S.***

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and ***Docket No. 2019-291-S.***

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